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1. It is expected that in the near future all members of the East Sector Berlin Police under 21 years of age will be released. It is assumed among the Soviet Sector police that these effectives will be transferred to the Kasernierte Volkspolizei. It is unknown how many police employees in East Berlin will be affected by this ruling. It is further reported that the HVDVP must recruit all its new forces from the 25 - 40 year age group.
2. The East Berlin police expect to put 25 new radio cars into service in the near future.
3. The former Abteilung Polit/Kultur of the Soviet Sector Police has been renamed Politabteilung. In the HVDVP, the Polit/Kultur section is now known as the Hauptabteilung Politverwaltung. This new terminology has been in effect since mid-August.
4. For approximately three weeks, all administrative forces of the Soviet Sector Berlin police have been engaged in rifle target practice. Contrary to previous training, which was confined to explanations of firing, the present exercises involve actual firing of small caliber and air rifles. The officially-expressed goal of this practice is the winning by police members of the FDJ Firing Badge (Schiessabzeichen).
5. The deputy to Hans Fruck, head of the State Security Service in East Berlin (Stasi, Berlin), is VP Kommandeur Boehm, formerly Kriminalleiter in Berlin-Treptow and later Referatsleiter of the Personnel Section in the Polizeipräsidium.
6. Strict regulations are still in effect forbidding the firing of weapons by those members of the East Berlin Police who are assigned to patrolling the

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Berlin Sector Boundaries.

7. Waldemar Schmidt, head of the Soviet Sector Berlin Police, recently announced strict regulations limiting cooperation to be extended by the East Berlin Police to West Berlin and West German agencies. In the future, this cooperation is to be restricted to the field of criminal police action.
8. Since March 1952, Soviet Sector Police have detected a number of false 20 DM East bank notes in circulation in East Berlin. These notes are reportedly very cleverly counterfeited; to date the police have no clues leading to the counterfeiters. To forestall public unrest, no public announcement has been made of the counterfeit notes.
9. East Berlin Police members do no longer participate in any special Partei Lehrjahr. The themes formerly presented in the Partei Lehrjahr will, effective 1 October 1952, be essentially treated in the political training course given during duty hours. The form of the political training is now the same as that given during the previous year in the so-called evening circles. There is an additional ruling of the HVDVP to the effect that the newspaper display (Zeitungsschau) must now be held two mornings during the week for one-half hour.

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